

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
ON MARCH 17, 2020, ON A TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY (CHAPEL)**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Steil, Councilors Oliver, Curtis, Barrick, Morley and Turner

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Fast, City Clerk Fleming, City Attorney Kidd, Police Chief Estes, Officer Edwards and Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Debbie McAfee led the Invocation and Mayor Steil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Turner made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Morley. Councilor Curtis stated that he thought item #10 needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda so that it could be reviewed and discussed further. Councilor Turner moved to amend his original motion to approve all items on the agenda except item #10 of the Consent Agenda and postpone that item until next month, seconded by Councilor Curtis, the motion passed 4 to 1. Councilors Oliver, Curtis, Barrick and Turner, in favor of and Councilor Morley opposed.

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Steil talked about the coronavirus and the precautionary measures that should be taken. After consulting with the City Attorney and reading the recommendation of the Georgia Municipal Association, Mayor Steil is going to check on having the City's meetings conducted online. Discussions will ensue concerning personnel, in the event of a staff member becoming infected with the coronavirus. The essentials will still be met as far as garbage pick-up, police directing the emergency responders and basic services being performed. Councilor Oliver made a statement that the meetings could be live streamed, with the public being able to participate remotely. Mayor Steil asked Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks to talk about the testing of the City's water system. Holbrooks stated that samples are taken five days a week and are sent out for testing once a month. The water system is monitored closely daily and chemicals are added as needed. Mayor Steil asked if there were any other remarks from the Council, which none were made.

5. City Manager's Remarks

City Manager Fast went over the 5 Year Capital Funds Report which consisted of fleet vehicle and heavy equipment replacement or additions, and roads. The roads that are being recommended by staff, to be considered first are, Alex Mountain (3 miles) and Rebel Circle (1.2 miles). These recommendations are due to the current condition of the roads. The proposed restriping of fog lines was the next discussion. The quote given by Daniel Wilson stated the pricing of 35 cents per lineal foot, over 10 miles, would drop the cost to 28 cents per lineal foot. Daniel Wilson was asked to attend the meeting so questions could be addressed by him. Mr. Wilson went over the process that they use, which is pressure washing to get rid of the moss, where needed, before restriping. The life expectancy of the striping should be, on new asphalt, three to five years but on old, ten to twelve years because it has already cured out. The following roads are staff recommended to be placed out for bid: LaBelle Circle, Ridgepole Drive and Sky Valley Way, which would be a little over ten miles of road. City Manager Fast went over the topic of Evergreen Lane being assessed, to make it into a passable emergency exit. A discussion with the owners is needed to see if the City can obtain an easement, for an emergency exit only, purpose. City Manager Fast will follow up with City Attorney Kidd on this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

TAKE FROM THE TABLE

Councilor Curtis made a motion to take from the table, item #6, that was tabled during the Regular Council Meeting, of February 25th, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

6. **Consider Awarding Bid to Smoky Mountain Chrysler (Franklin N.C.) for 2020 Dodge Durango with Trade- In, \$20,998 and Equipment to Dana Safety Supply, Inc. for \$6,756.78
*Total \$27,754.78.**

Councilor Curtis made a motion to accept the bid from Smoky Mountain Chrysler for a 2020 Dodge Durango with Trade-In, \$20,998 and Equipment to Dana Safety Supply for \$6,756.78, seconded by Councilor Barrick. Councilor Morley read a letter from Will Gurley, for the record, in opposition of the purchase of police vehicles, as proposed. The council unanimously approved the purchase.

TAKE FROM THE TABLE

Councilor Curtis made a motion to take from the table, item #7, that was tabled during the Regular Council Meeting, of February 25th, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

7. **Consider Awarding Bid to Smoky Mountain Chrysler (Franklin N.C.) for Ram 1500 Classic Street Crew Cab 4x4, with Trade-In \$16,985 and Equipment to Dana Safety Supply, Inc. for \$6,542.78 *Total \$23,527.78**

Councilor Curtis made a motion to accept the bid from Smoky Mountain Chrysler for a Ram 1500 Classic Street Crew Cab 4x4, with Trade-In \$16,985 and Equipment to Dana Safety Supply for \$6,542.78, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS #8-12)

The Consent Agenda includes routine items that the City Council will act on with a single vote. Any Council Member may pull any item from the Consent Agenda in order that the Council may act upon it individually.

8. Approval of Minutes

February 18, 2020 Work Session Council Meeting
February 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

9. Consider Approving of Additional Committee Appointments for:

1. **Landscaping Committee: Cheryl Beckert, Sara MacGermano, Steve Rickman, Olga Addison, Mark Wannamaker (Contracted Landscaper)**
2. **Special Projects Committee: Jim Curtis, Tony Allred, Teri Allred, Grace Guess, Lou MacNarghton**
3. **Mayoral Advisory Committee: Ed Morley, David Spears, Will Gurley, Tim Darrah, Martin Greene, Dan McAfee, Paula Jensen**
4. **Public Works Committee: Mike Commons**

10. **Consider an Ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Sky Valley; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective**

11. **Consider Proclamation for Mayor's Arbor Day – April 24, 2020**

12. Consider Proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week – May 3rd through May 9th, 2020

Councilor Morley made a motion to approve items #8, 9, 11 and 12 of Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. Public Forum and General Comments

Helen Klieber asked about Police coverage on the weekends, she believes that there should be twenty-four, seven coverage. Maureen Platt thanked the quick response and expertise of the paramedics when she needed them. Lee Robinson had stated that he had come to the meeting with some opposition of the police car purchase, as recommended, but after hearing the discussion had somewhat changed his mind. One thing that he didn't know was how few tickets were actual being issued, as 246 was label as a speed trap. He suggested that the residents need to be more informed. Mayor Steil had assured him that information is sent out each month, to all that is signed up to receive emails from the City, showing such information. Mayor Steil ended this segment with saying "We will get through these strange times. Just remember the Sky Valley Way – if you are going to spread something, spread Help, Compassion and Humor".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Executive Session - Litigation

- a. To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the city or a city official or employee or in which the official or employee may be directly involved. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2)

Councilor Oliver made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to reconvene the regular session, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

No action taken

15. Adjournment

Councilor Curtis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk